<u>REMARKS</u>

The Examiner had indicated that claims 12, 27 and 32 were among the claims that would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Each of these claims have now been thusly rewritten and should now be allowable.

Each of the other claims in the application have also been amended to depend from allowable base claims.

Thus, it is believed that all claims in the case are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C.

David J. Thibodeau, Jr. Registration No. 31,671

Telephone: (978) 341-0036

Facsimile: (978) 341-0136

Concord, MA 01742-9133

Dated:

11964